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Acquisition of lands for lignite extraction in South Arcot.

* 817 *Q.*—Sri K. P. GOPALAN (on behalf of Sri V. Balakrishnan) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) the extent of land acquired for lignite extraction and investigation from land owners in South Arcot area;

(*b*) the total cost of such lands acquired;

(*c*) the total compensation already paid to such land owners; and

(*d*) whether interest is paid by the Government to land owners for sums due to them?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) An extent of 205·59 acres of dry lands has been acquired for the lignite project, South Arcot district.

" (*b*) Rs. 1,12,840–0–3.

" (*c*) & (*d*) The entire compensation amount of Rs. 1,12,840–0–3 has already been paid either to the land owners or deposited in the Civil Court in respect of lands in which there was dispute over the title or in respect of which the owners were not competent to alienate the land. The compensation amount already paid to the land owners is Rs. 79,846–0–4 and the amount deposited in the Civil Court is Rs. 32,993–15–11. The total compensation includes a sum of Rs. 2,535–9–5 being the interest paid to the land owners on the compensation payable for the lands taken possession of prior to completion of land acquisition proceedings."

Omission of 'Viduthalai' from the approved list of newspapers.

* 818 *Q.*—Sri K. R. VISWANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that under G.O. No. 62, Education, dated 10th January 1952, the newspaper *Viduthulai* is omitted from the approved list of newspapers to be placed in the reading rooms aided by State Funds; and

(*b*) if so, whether such prohibition applies to reading rooms attached to aided and local board schools?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) 'Reading Rooms' as such are not eligible for aid from State funds. According to the orders issued in G.O. No. 62, Education, dated 10th January 1952, there is no list of approved books or periodicals. Hence the question of omission of 'Viduthalai' or any other newspaper from such a list does not arise.

" (*b*) The purchase of newspapers and periodicals for use in schools is not governed by the orders contained in G.O. No. 62, Education, dated 10th January 1952.